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REVIVAL OF COCONUT SECTOR IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from Government of Kerala for Revival of Coconut Sector and Conservation and Revival of Kuttanad Wet (Paddy) lands including reconstruction and strengthening of Thanneermukkom Bund; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): A letter from the Chief Minister of Kerala dated 04-10-2006 addressed to the Union Minister of Agricultrue has been received in this regard. Based on the suggestion, the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai has been entrusted the task of formulating a project for rejuvenation of Kuttanad wet lands including reconstruction & strengthening of Thanneermukkom Bund. The Foundation has submitted its interim report in February, 2007.

As regards the revival of coconut sector, a comprehensive project has been received from the Coconut Development Board, Cochin during December, 2006 for `Replanting and Rejuvenation of Coconut Gardens in Traditional States in India`, with emphasis on Kerala State. The project is under examination by the Department.